

Post-Office Notifications.

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For *Seasau*, *Amoy*, *Kochow*, *Tamoi*, and *Takao*.—Per *Ho Kong*, 23-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 10.30 A.M.

For *Singapore*, *Pennar*, and *Calcutta*.—Per *Indian Mail Packet China*, to-morrow, the 23rd instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For *Satoge* and *Bangkok*.—Per *Regatta*, to-morrow, the 23rd inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For *Manila*.—Per *Alfonso Marconi*, on Friday, the 24th inst., at 1.30 A.M.

For *Manila*, *Salween*, *Bombay*, *Per Columbia*, on Saturday, the 25th inst., at 1.30 A.M.

The departure of the homeward French Mail Packet *Dougal* is postponed until further notice.

MAILS BY THE "UNITED STATES PACKET."

The United States Mail Packet "GREAT REPUBLIC" will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 23rd instant, at 3 p.m., with the mails.

For Yokohama, San Francisco, the United States, and the United Kingdom.

The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers, &c., until 3.30 p.m.

General cargo to be posted on board the "Packet" from 2.30 p.m. to 2.55 p.m., on payment of a Late Fee of 15 cents in addition to the Postage.

The Prepayment of the Postage to all the above places by this route is compulsory.

General cargo to be prepaid will be forwarded by the English Packets.

Correspondence addressed to Yokohama and the United States must be superscribed *GREAT SUBURBIC*, and that addressed to the United Kingdom must be superscribed *via San Francisco*.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 17th October, 1873.

MAILS BY THE "ENGLISH PACKET."

The English Mail Packet "GAWALIOR" will be despatched with the usual Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 30th inst., at noon.

Money Orders can be of the Money Order Office of the United Kingdom will be granted until 5 p.m. on the 29th instant.

The Post-Office will be open until 6 p.m. on the 29th instant.

Letters, &c., may be posted during the night on the left leg open for their reception.

Letters for registration will be received until 10 A.M. on the 30th instant.

Letters may be posted until 10 A.M. on the 30th instant, without late fee.

Letters posted after 10 A.M. on the 30th instant, will not be forwarded unless the *Late Fee* of 18 cents each as well as the postage is prepaid.

The latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 11 A.M. for Newspapers, Books, or Patterns 10 A.M. on the 30th instant.

Late letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via *Brindisi*, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the *Essex* at 11.30 A.M. on the 30th of sailing, on payment of a *Late Fee* of 48 cents each in addition to the postage.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General

General Post-Office,
Hongkong, 17th October, 1873.

It is hereby notified that Letters addressed to France may be sent either paid or unpaid at the rate of 11.30 A.M. but the postage or *Prices Current*, Newspapers and Books cannot be prepaid

For each 2 ounces

The rate of postage chargeable on—

Letters addressed to—France per
French Packet is 12 cents

Per British Packet when marked via
Brindisi, 18 "

Per British Packet, when marked via
Alexandria and Marseilles, 30 "

F. W. MITCHELL, L.,
Postmaster General

General Post-Office,
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1872.

It is hereby notified for general information that the *Pochty* (which must be paid in advance) upon letters addressed to Prince Edward Island, will henceforward be as follows:

When forwarded via—

Brindisi, £2 cents each half-ounce

When forwarded via—

Marseilles, 30 cents each half-ounce

When forwarded via—

Southampton, 38 cents each half-ounce

F. W. MITCHELL, L.,
Postmaster General

General Post-Office,
Hongkong, 28th July, 1870.

It is hereby notified that a line of British Mail Contract Packets has been established between Aden and Zanzibar, which, with connecting lines, will afford a rapid mode of conveyance of correspondence from Hongkong to the foreign ports on the East African Coast, a

well as for Natal and the Cape Colony, St. Helena and Ascension, and that henceforward no postage, *which must be paid in advance*, on letters addressed to Zimbatang, Mosambic, Zanzibar, Zey, Natch, the Cape of Good Hope, and Ascension, will be 20 cents for each half-ounce newspaper 2 cents each.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General

General-Post-Office,
Hongkong, 12th May, 1873.

It is hereby notified for general information that the Postage on Letters addressed to Nanyang, when forwarded *via Southampton*, will henceforward be 35 cents for each half-ounce, *which must be paid in advance*, or it may be paid by the collector of the Letter Office.

Unpaid Letters will be subject to an additional charge on delivery.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 23rd August, 1870.

Arrangements having been made under which Mails for London arriving at Suez from China by Private Ships will be forwarded to destination via Brindisi, it is hereby notified that the rates of postage, which must be paid in advance, on correspondence addressed to the United Kingdom so forwarded, will be as follows, viz.:

For Letters.....	24 cents per half ounce
For Newspapers.....	8 " each.

For Books and Patterns.....	{ not exceeding 2 1/2 " 6 "
	" " 4 " 12 "
	every additional " 12 "
F. W. MITCHELL, Postmaster General.	
General Post Office, Hongkong, 20th December, 1871.	

It is hereby notified that arrangements have been completed under which correspondence from Hongkong may be forwarded to Nagasaki via Shanghai, and to Higo via Yokohama, by United States' Mail Packets, and that Letters for Hongkong and places beyond Hongkong may be forwarded from Nagasaki; and Higo by means of the United States' Packets via

Shanghai and Yokohama respectively.

The rates of postage chargeable on such correspondence is four cents for each half-ounce on Letters, two cents on such Newspaper, and two cents on each two ounces of Books and Packages of Samples of Merchandise, in addition to the Rates specified in the Table of Rates of Postage at present in force.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, 16th January, 1871.

It is hereby notified that henceforward the rate of postage which must be paid in advance chargeable on Packages of printed papers or patterns of light weight sent from Hongkong to Shanghai, is one cent per pound.

For a packet not exceeding 1 ounce
in weight..... 2 cents
For a packet above 1 ounce not ex-
ceeding 2 ounces..... 4 "
For a packet above 2 ounces not ex-
ceeding 4 ounces..... 8 "
and eight cents for every additional four ounces
These rates apply to Printed Circulars, Price
Lists, Market Reports, and all printed paper
other than Newspapers, as well as to Books
and Trade Patterns of Small Size.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General

General Post Office,
Honolulu, 12th April, 1879.

Extracts.

THE LEGEND OF TYTUS.

(A Classical Ballad.)

There was a family in Greece
One might describe as serious;
The head, who caused much mischief,
Was denominated Tytus.

In military matters he
Turned out a perfect lion,
But, spoiling, I'm grieved to mention,
The daughters of Pandion.

Titus quite impossible for each
That he could really feel a
Grieved offender. (They were named
Progne and Philomena.)

He'd very taking ways, just like
Some gallivanting cockney;
So soon he'd won and won and wed
Pandion's daughter Progne.

But, alas! the cockney had wanted
This military matter to
Begin to tire of Mrs. T.
And, at last, he'd married her.

Then Progne had a baby,
For married folks quite right is;
The name to choose, you folks may think
They christened it as Tytus.

But then, the next second, should his wife
About his ways enlighten,
He packed her with the infant off
To some Helene Brighton.

She heard it though, ways always do,
From some loquacious body;
And, when she heard of this, she
She killed and cooked his baby.

Measles her babes you know
To make her husband sinner;
But Progne to his false pro
Served steady and sincere.

When Tytus saw the ghastly dead,
He seized the carving knife,
And sought to wound more injury
Upon his injured wife.

But Ovid's Metamorphoses
Report the facts that follow;
Progne, although she'd cut her throat,
Was turned into a nightingale.

Titus became a hawk, and then,
To eat his awful wife,
Poor naughty Philomena changed
Into a nightingale.

When all were birds, and I've marked
The forest which I write of,
When one of a husband's valiant
His family turns flighty.

Even if not, I feel quite true
The fact I next indicate,
The young and innocent will all
Be quite out of the sky.

So married folks be very sure
You never get to feel as
This ghastly Greek; but, when you woe,
Believe all Philomena.

RAILWAY TRAVELLING IN ALGERIES.

One is constantly hearing, of the engine, followed by one or two carriages, running off the line and sticking in the sand at Hussein-Dey, because the passenger happens to be engaged at a game of piquet in the neighbouring wine-shop when the train arrives; and it is no uncommon thing to see the engine-driver and the stoker coolly drinking absinthe while the guard is whistling for the train to go on. I remember on one occasion the carriage in which I was seated stopping unexpectedly opposite the buffet at Bani-Miscid. Wondering why the stopping was so long, I put my head out of the window just as the guard was blowing his whistle for the third or fourth time. At the door of the buffet was the stoker. "If I can't part," he exclaimed, turning to his companion as he perceived the guard looking at him and heard the repeated whistle of his whistle. "Positives," answered the other, "Qu'il s'aille," he added, after a pause, shrugging his shoulders. Then they both had a good laugh, and leisurely finished their absinthe before sauntering in the direction of the locomotive.

In Algeria there are but few people who ever think of travelling first class; firstly, because there is but little difference between the two classes inasmuch as ordinary comfort is concerned; and secondly, because there are certain annoyances connected with the "quality carriage," which rarely occur in Europe by the *dougnie*. It is customary to join so few third-class carriages to the train that when it has proceeded about twenty miles on its journey they are usually full, and the consequence is that if at one of the stations ten or fifteen Arabs, in filthy dirty burruses and greasy *chachias*, happen to be waiting to take the train, they are bundled pell-mell into the first-class vehicles, in spite of the remonstrances of the few unfortunate who purchased the highest priced tickets with a view of being in select society. Second-class passengers generally escape this annoyance, as their carriages are always tolerably full. — From the "Gentleman's Magazine" for September.

OCEAN DEPTHS.

The depths of the Pacific have as yet been very imperfectly explored; but soundings in the Atlantic have been so multiplied as to enable the celebrated hydrographer Maury to draw a map which gives us at least a good general idea of the rates and mountain-chains, the shoals and abysses, of our great sea-bed. Between Sierra Leone and Cape San Roque the valley of the Atlantic deepens in mid-ocean to 21,450 feet, gradually shelving up towards the coast. Proceeding northwards, the profound submarine valleys divide in the latitude of the West Indies into two arms, one of which runs parallel with the African and European coasts, whilst the other advances towards the great Bank of Newfoundland. To the south of this vast submarine plateau the precipice is uncomprehending steep, so that at a distance of 18,000 feet. What a spectacle would these prodigious mountain-valls afford, if we could wander about in the depths of the sea as easily as in some Alpine valley, and if our eyes could penetrate with the same facility the translucent waters, as it does the transparent regions of the atmosphere! The deepest depression of the Atlantic basin seems to be between 33 degrees and 40 degrees N. lat., where the plummet has been lowered to the depth of 30,000, and even 40,000 feet; but naval surveyors are of opinion that the results may have been more or less deceptive, in consequence of a deflection of the line from the perpendicular by the tilting of the ship or strong submarine currents. At short distances from Madeira, the Cape de Verd Islands, and the Demerides, the sea deepens to 12,000, and 10,000 feet, so that seen from the ocean-ground, you would appear as the summits of mighty mountain lands, grand and imposing as the Andes. Towards the north the bed of the Atlantic deepens in forms between Ireland and Newfoundland, a plain the depth of which seems nowhere to exceed 11,000 feet. Twenty years ago this discovery might have been considered as useless to mankind; at present, however, it gives us hope that one day the bold idea of uniting the two worlds by means of the electric telegraph may be realized. The electric telegraph in the knowledge of the ocean opens new prospects for the benefit of our race. The intrepid and landlocked European seas are very shallow when compared with the high ocean. Even in its central parts, the depth of the Baltic hardly ever exceeds 250 feet, and there is only one spot; between the island of Gotland and Wismar, where the sounding line finds a depression of 840 feet. Between the British coast and Denmark, the North Sea is everywhere shallow; but between the Orkneys and Norway its depth increases to 800 feet. The Mediterranean has in some parts a depth of more than 6,000 feet; and even in the Black Sea the plummet sometimes descends to the depth of 5,000 feet, while the waters of the Adriatic everywhere roll over a shallow bed. — From "The Sea and the Living Wonders."

OCEAN SPRINGS.

It is a curious fact, that in many parts of the ocean, fresh-water springs burst from the bottom of the sea. Thus, in the Gulf of Spezzia and in the port of Syracuse, large jets of fresh water mingle with the brine, and Humboldt mentions a still more remarkable submarine fountain on the southern coast of Cuba, in the Gulf of Xagua, a couple of sea miles from the shore, which gushes through the salt water with such violence that boats approaching the spot are obliged to use great caution. Travelling vessels are said sometimes to visit this spring, in order to provide themselves in the midst of the ocean with fresh water. — From "The Sea and the Living Wonders."

TWO KINDS OF WOMEN.

When, in 1560, Mazarin's policy, triumphant on every side, had led the treaty of the Pyrenees to that of Westphalia, the hour of the conclusion of the protracted conference held at the Isle of Pheasants was reserved for the chief Minister of the two Crowns—the Cardinal and Don Louis de Haro. The latter congratulated his brother-in-law on the well-earned repose he was about to enjoy after such a long and arduous struggle. The Cardinal replied that he could not promise himself any repose in France, for there, he said, the female politicians were more to be dreaded than the male; and he complained bitterly of the tempests he had undergone at the hands of certain political women of the Fronde—notably the Duchess de Longueville, the Duchess de Chevreuse, and the Princess Palatine, each of whom he asserted, was capable of upsetting three kingdoms. "You are very lucky here in Spain," he added. "You have, as everywhere else, two kinds of women—coquettes in abundance, and a very few simple-minded domestic women. The former care only to please their lovers, the latter their husbands. Neither the one nor the other, however, have any inhibition beyond indulging themselves in vanities and luxuries. They only employ their pens in scribbling-billet-doux or love-confessions, neither one nor other bother their brains as to how the grain grows, whilst talking about business makes their heads ache. Our women, on the contrary, whether prudent or flighty, or of average, sharp or clever, will intermeddle with everything. No honest woman," he said, "would permit her spouse to go to sleep, nor acquiesce allow her lover any favour, ere she had heard all the political news of the day. They will see all that goes on, will know everything, and—what is worse—have a finger in everything, and do everything in confusion. We have a trio among them—and he again named the three first factionists above mentioned—who throw us all daily into more confusion than was ever known in Babel." "Thank heaven!" replied Don Louis, somewhat ungallantly, "our women are of the disposition seemingly as well known as the Cardinal's. Provided that they can finger the cash, whether of their husbands or their lovers, they are satisfied; and I am very glad to say that they do not meddle with politics, for if they did they would assuredly embroil everything in Spain as they do in France." — From "Political Women."

INSURANCES.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.

MELCHERS & Co.,
3rd 1818 Hongkong, 1st October, 1873.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates.

AGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
471 Hongkong, 5th March, 1873.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rates of premium will be allowed upon insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LA PRAIK & Co.,
471 Hongkong, 27th June, 1873.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Sea risks at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co.,
1022 Hongkong, 1st April, 1873.

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.

SIEMSEN & Co.,
39 Hongkong, 18th November, 1873.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire in the above-named Company at current rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,
1617 Hongkong, 1st October, 1873.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
471 Hongkong, 1st October, 1873.

YANG-TZEK FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Association, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
471 Hongkong, 1st October, 1873.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS 755,000 TABLES.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the world, at current rates. This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, first for an interest dividend of 15% for shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distribute among Policy holders amounting to each, 25% of the profit. The Underwriting Business *pro rata* to amount of premium contributed.

RUSSELL & Co.,
1022 Hongkong, 9th July, 1873.

THE GLOBE MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
471 Hongkong, 1st October, 1873.

THE SAMARANG SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAMARANG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
471 Hongkong, 1st October, 1873.

INSURANCES.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rates of premium will be returned on insurances against Fire, effected with this Office.

EDWARD NORTON & Co.,
471 Hongkong, 25th June, 1873.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

DOUGLAS LA PRAIK & Co.,
471 Hongkong, 27th June, 1873.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSPORT INSURANCE OFFICE.

THE Undersigned in Hongkong, by First Class Messengers and Sailing Ships.

A. MOLLER, Agent,
Hongkong, 1st July, 1873.

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) will be allowed upon insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LA PRAIK & Co.,
471 Hongkong, 27th June, 1873.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) will be made on the Premium charged on all insurances effected with this Office; such Return being payable on the issue of the Policy.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
471 Hongkong, 24th June, 1873.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.

AGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
471 Hongkong, 5th March, 1873.

HOLIDAY, WISE & CO.

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) will be made on the Premium charged on all insurances effected with this Office; such Return being payable on the issue of the Policy.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
471 Hongkong, 15th October, 1873.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent.

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471 Hongkong, 15th October, 1873.

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INSURANCES.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
471 Hongkong, 24th June, 1873.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

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EDWARD NORTON & Co.,
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